

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes
of the Meeting
of the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board
held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006
at CDFA Headquarters in Sacramento, CA

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present

Kevin Andrew	Edgar "Pete" Downs	Dana Merrill
Dennis Atkinson	Hugh (Wally) Ewart	Steve McIntyre
Greg Coleman	Brad Lange	Herb Schmidt
Ben Drake	Frank Leeds	Jim Unti

Members Absent

Al Rossini	Paul Wulf
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OTHER ATTENDEES

Tom Esser	Janet LeMasters	Roger Spencer
Nancy Irelan	Ramona Saunders	Bob Wynn

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairman Pete Downs called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Several members called in on a conference call line.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Wynn conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board. A quorum was present. Self-introductions followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Pete Downs welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL FOR RESEARCH DIRECTOR

Chairman Pete Downs introduced Dr. Nancy Irelan, PD Advisory Task Force member and owner of the Red Tail Ridge Winery in New York. Dr. Irelan had submitted an RFP bid proposal for the Research Director contract. She gave a presentation to the Board members.

ASSESSMENT RATE FOR 2006 HARVEST

Jim Unti reviewed with the Board his two handouts on the 2006 winegrape assessment and also the handout prepared by PDCP staff. Jim discussed different aspects concerning the expected winegrape crop size and value for 2006 in comparison to last year, and what level the assessment should be set.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

- ❖ It was **M/S/P** by the Board to recommend to the Secretary that the winegrape assessment rate for winegrapes harvested and crushed in 2006 be set at \$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of value. (This is the same rate as last year.)

BOARD'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

Bob Wynn gave an overview of the Board's budget. Bob discussed the revenues and expenditures for the current budget year, what was being projected, and the figures for fiscal year 2006-07. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

- ❖ It was **M/S/P** by the Board to recommend to the Secretary that he accept the PD Board budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07 as presented at the meeting.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, the Board members discussed the research director contract proposal submitted by Dr. Nancy Irelan. After the discussion, the Board took the following action:

- ❖ It was **M/S/P** by the Board to recommend to the Secretary that he approve establishing a contract with Dr. Nancy Irelan to serve as the Board's PD/GWSS Research Director.

RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting was reconvened.

OTHER ITEMS

None.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pete Downs adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.